

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
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Yoshihiro HORI, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 7144
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Application No.: 10/809,789	:	Group Art Unit: 2137
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Filed: March 26, 2004	:	Examiner: Gergiso, Techane
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENCRYPTING DATA TO BE SECURED AND INPUTTING/OUTPUTTING THE SAME

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Restriction  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of September 25, 2007 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant hereby elects Group I (upon which claims 1-3 and 12-17 are readable) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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